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**RESPONSE TO DECISION REGARDING APPLICANTS' SUBMISSION OF A
DECLARATION ON 22 JANUARY 2008**

In response to the decision regarding applicants' submission of a declaration on 22 January 2008, dated 9 May 2008, having a two-month period for reply ending 9 July 2008, applicants provide the following information.

At the time the PCT application was filed, applicant/inventor Becerra's name was listed on the PCT request as "S. Patricia Becerra" (see the copy of sheet 1 of the PCT request attached as Exhibit 1). When the PCT application was published, however, the International Bureau, in error, reversed the order of Becerra's first and middle names, and Becerra's name appeared on the published PCT application as "BECERRA, Patricia, S." (see the copy of the cover page of the published PCT application attached as Exhibit 2). This error was not discovered by applicants until issuance of the decision regarding the declaration dated 9 May 2008 by the U.S. Patent Office.

While preparing the declaration for the subject U.S. national phase application, attorneys for applicants indicated the full name of inventor Becerra to be "Sofia Patricia

Becerra,” replacing the “S.” (which stands for “Sofia”) listed on the PCT Request with inventor Becerra’s complete first name.

In view of the fact that the International Bureau incorrectly listed inventor Becerra’s name on the published PCT application, and because inventor Becerra’s name was changed in the declaration relative to the PCT request only to identify her complete first name, applicants respectfully ask that the declaration be accepted by the U.S. Patent Office as submitted.

Regarding the addition of a hyphen to the name of inventor Julio Escribano-Martinez in the declaration, this inventor recently informed attorneys for applicant that in Spain a mother’s maiden name is added to a son’s surname by way of hyphenation. Attorneys for applicants were not made aware that inventor Julio Escribano-Martinez’s name should be hyphenated at the time the PCT application was filed, and inserted the hyphen in inventor Escribano-Martinez’s name in the declaration at his request.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the declaration be accepted by the U.S. Patent Office as submitted.

Because the inconsistency in the name of inventor Becerra was due to error by the International Bureau, Applicants believe that no fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of the fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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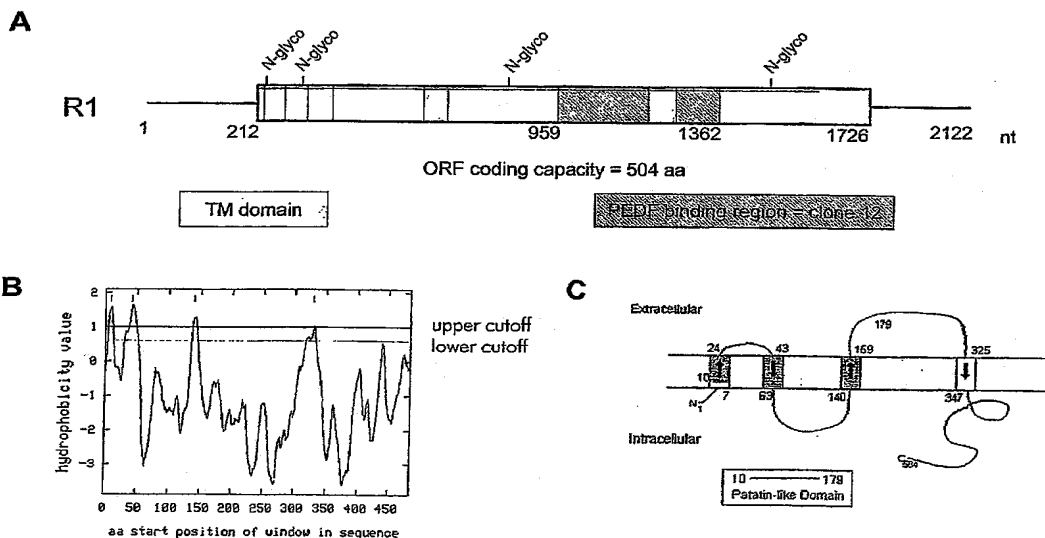
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(57) Abstract: A pigment epithelium derived factor ("PEDF") receptor designated PEDF-R and PEDF-R encoding nucleic acid and amino acid sequences. Wild type PEDF-R, PEDF-R variants, soluble PEDF-R variants, chimeric PEDF-R, and antibodies which bind to the PEDF-R (including agonist and neutralizing antibodies), as well as various uses for these molecules are described. Assay systems for detecting ligands to PEDF-R, systems for studying the physiological role of PEDF-R and its ligands, diagnostic techniques for identifying PEDF-related conditions, therapeutic techniques for the treatment of PEDF-related and PEDF-R related conditions, and methods for identifying molecules homologous to PEDF-R.